

Family30
Fighting for Purity
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Romans 12:2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

1 John 2:15-17 Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world--**the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does**--comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires **pass away**, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

Romans 1:21-25 (NLT) They **knew God**, but they wouldn't worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to **think up foolish ideas** of what God was like. **As a result**, their minds became **dark and confused**. Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools...As a result, they **did vile and degrading things with each other's bodies**. They traded the truth about God for a lie.

3 Lies about Sex:

- ✓ An animalistic action.
- ✓ A recreational activity.

Genesis 2:24 This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.

- ✓ An isolated event.

Passions need parameters.

Proverbs 5:15-23 (NLT) Drink water from your own well— share your love only with your wife. Why spill the water of your springs in the streets, having sex with just anyone? **You should reserve it for yourselves**. Never share it with strangers. Let your wife be a fountain of blessing for you. Rejoice in the wife of your youth. She is a loving deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts satisfy you always. May you always be **captivated** by her love. Why be captivated, my son, by an immoral woman, or fondle the breasts of a promiscuous woman? **For the LORD sees clearly what a man does**, examining every path he takes. An evil man is held captive by his own sins; they are ropes that catch and hold him. He will die for lack of self-control; he will be lost because of his great foolishness.

Jeremiah 6:16 This is what the LORD says: “Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.”

1 Corinthians 6:15-17 **Do you not know** that your bodies are members of **Christ** himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and **unite** them with a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, “The two will become one flesh.” But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit.”

1 Corinthians 6:18-20 Flee from sexual immorality. **All other sins** a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

Honor God with my body.

1. Repent.

2 Corinthians 6:17-18 Therefore come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.

Matthew 6:22-23 Your eye is like a lamp that provides light for your body. When your eye is **healthy**, your whole body is filled with light. But **when your eye is unhealthy, your whole body is filled with darkness**. And if the light you think you have is actually darkness, how deep that darkness is!

2. Receive forgiveness.

Isaiah 1:18 Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as **white as snow**; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.

3. Reorder your life.

2 Corinthians 7:1 Since we have these promises, dear friends, let us **purify ourselves** from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.

Walk-away: Giving up something now for something better later isn't a sacrifice. It's an investment.